



DIVISION OF MINES
BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
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SURFACE BLASTER – DIVISION OF MINERAL MINING TO DIVISION OF MINES RECIPROCAL REQUIREMENTS

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Article 3 of the **Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia** establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: **Surface Blaster – DMME Division Of Mineral Mining Reciprocity – Renewal must be in accordance with BCME Requirements*

This certification authorizes the holder to perform blasting operations and to record blasting examination information concerning blasting operations at surface coal mines.

NOTE: This certification shall not be used in lieu of any other certification.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (DM-BCME-1 and DMLR-BCME-4) and \$40.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
- One year of blasting experience (Form DM-BCME-2) on a surface coal mine under the direction of a certified surface blaster or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines. **NOTE: Experience must be submitted within 5 years of passing the examination. After 5 years records are destroyed. Must reapply if future certification is desired.**
- Hold a General Miner Certification – surface coal
- Current first aid training (MSHA 5000-23 Annual Retraining or New Miner Inexperienced Training acceptable)
- Notification from DMM verifying certification is in good standing, verifying 85% on all sections of the DMM exam.
- Reciprocity can only be used one time to achieve certification

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS: A score of 85% on each element of the examination

<u>ELEMENTS OF EXAM</u>	<u>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS</u>
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Must take the following sections of the DMME Division of Mines Surface Blasters exam.

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| ▪ Rules and Regulations (DM)(RR) | 20 |
| ▪ Mined Land Reclamation | 20 |
| ▪ First Aid | 20 |
| ▪ Surface Blasting Records Practical (BR) | |

*5 year DMLR recertification required